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SUBJECT: STATE AIDS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS HERE EC COMMISSIONER VOUEL MET RECENTLY IN LONDON WITH STATE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY KAUFMANNAND ENERGY MINISTER BENN, AND IN PARIS WITH FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY GIRAUD. SUBJECT OF CONVERSATIONS WAS STATE AIDS. TALKS WITH KAUFMANN REPORTEDLY LED TO A PROVISIONAL SOLUTION REGARDING THE UK INTERVENTION FUND FOR THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY. VOUEL IS PUSHING THE BRITISH TO LINK THE AID MORE CLOSELY TO RESTRUCTURING MEASURES.

2. LESS PROGRESS WAS REPORTED TO EMERGE FROM THE BENN DISCUSSION CONCERNING AID TO UK PRODUCERS OF OFFSHORE OIL EQUIPMENT. THE COMMISSION OBJECTS TO THE FACT THAT IT IS A PRODUCTION SUBSIDY AND THAT IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST
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OTHER EC MEMBERS. BENN REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO ALLOT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF EQUIPMENT RECEIVING AID TO OTHER EC MEMBER STATES, BUT VOUEL FOUND THIS AN UNACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

3. THE PARIS TALKS FOCUSED ON THE FRENCH OIL MONOPOLY WHICH THE COMMISSION FEELS IS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 37

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OF THE EEC TREATY (FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR GOODS). THE FRENCH REPORTEDLY NOTIFIED VOUEL OF THEIR INTENTION TO MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION AUTHORIZATIONS SYSTEM UNDER QUESTION TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH THE TREATY, AND TALKS WILL CONTINUE ON THIS SUBJECT. HINTON

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